

OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes MAY 28, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on May 28, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

Present: Peter Leone, Richard Nolan, Patricia St.Pierre and Mike Cosetta; and Commissioners Ed Bertholic, Warren Steere and Tom Demers; and Clerk Anne Chretien.

Absent: Alice Lavigne, Albert Lavigne and Chief Joe Bertholic.

Guests: Capt. Mike McGrane and Capt. Troy Phillips of OM Fire Dept.

A. Approval of Minutes

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Peter Leone. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

B. Commissioners Report

- Painting projects in the station will be starting in the spring with painting of the siren and pole will need to be completed. Also, the meeting room and two other rooms. Tom Demers stated he will be going out for bids to complete the painting.
- The parking area will be seal coated and striped in two phases.
- The white pine trees on the east side of the fire station have grown so large at the base of the trees it present a problem when mowing the grass. After discussion it was decided that the trees will be trimmed back at this time and hopefully it solves the problem for now. The trees were planted to provide a barrier between the neighbor and the station on Oakland School St. at the request of the town.
- Two new roadside mail boxes will be ordered and installed at 46 Oakland School St. due to mail delivery and hour changes at the Mapleville Post Office. The address for Tax Collection purposes will become 46A Oakland School St. once the boxes are installed.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Patricia St.Pierre. Seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

C. Chief's Report

- No run report.
- Rescue 1 – the circuit board burned up in the truck. Aaron Doughty has repaired the vehicle and Rescue 1 is back in service.
- Firemen Sunday/Parade and the Family Picnic are scheduled for Sunday, June 8. All members of the Operating Committee are invited to the events.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

D. Tax Assessors Report

- Ten (10) street lights on Lapham Farm Road have been surveyed by Mike Cosetta per request of Pascoag Electric, to ensure that all the lights billed for are in the OM Fire District. After completion of the survey it is Mike's recommendation to remove two of the lights that don't meet the criteria set by the district. He will contact Pascoag Electric and request the removal of two lights.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors Report by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Richard Nolan. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

E. Tax Collectors Report

- Collections from 9/1/2013 to 08/28/2014 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$303,789.22 as of May 22, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$47,090.74. See attached report.
- The list for the Tax Sale scheduled for July 31, 2014 stands at 14 delinquent tax payers, down from 32. See attached list.
- An auctioneer from Irving Shechtman & Co., Inc. has been engaged for the Tax Sale.
- Albert Greene Estate at 0 Snake Hill Road will be up for Tax Sale at the Town of Burrillville's sale on June 12, 2014. OMFD was notified because we have a lien on the property. See attached.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

F. Treasurers Report

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- The report was reviewed and there were no questions asked.

- Verizon has sent a proposal to consider change to their services and leave Cox Communications. After discussion was held a motion was made by Peter Leone to remain with Cox Communications. Seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted “I” by all present.
- Navigant Credit Union notified OMFD of the Quarterly Report of Financial Institutions Collateralization of Public Funds for quarter ended March 31, 2014. See attached.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

G. Old Business

- By-Laws committee did not meet in May.
- Rescue Truck committee will be notified of the next meeting.
- Two members of the OM Fire Department were present at the meeting –Capt. Mike McGrane and Capt. Troy Phillips. The discussion of what they presented, in draft form, last month continued regarding the two programs to help with the retention of members of the volunteer department.
 - Duty Shifts
 - Call Pay and Stipends

The goal is to keep volunteers interested in serving and increase the numbers of responders to incidents. If the programs are accepted and put in place, all necessary tracking for reporting purposes will be completed by the OM Fire Department using “I am responding” software. Payment of the stipends will be twice a year and would be processed through the payroll company.

The overall opinion of the committee is in favor of the proposals, but further discussions are necessary to assess the effect on the LOSAP program from VFIS. Mike Cosetta stated that the trucks will get out on time when per diem personnel are on duty, but it is necessary to re-tone at times because of low response and this situation is throughout the town. Hopefully the programs will encourage younger members to up their participation in the OM Fire Department.

Bob L’Esperance will contact Brad Preston of VFIS and request his presence at the June meeting of the operating committee to answer questions about the LOSAP program.

Discussion was also about funding the program for the first year from the stipend received from plan review by the fire marshals for the new Daniele’s plant at 1000 Daniele Dr. in Mapleville. Pat St.Pierre will contact Pierre Rondeau and accountant Jim Dugan to ask advice on how to proceed. She will report her findings at the June meeting.

Mike McGrane and Troy Phillips were asked to attend the June meeting.

- Mike McGrane said that the proposed meeting with other districts in the town and with the town of Glocester will take place on June 18th for the purpose of writing grants to benefit the departments. This meeting is informational only.

H. New Business

- A memo was received from the State of Rhode Island – Department of Revenue regarding new laws passed by the General Assembly regarding reporting requirements for all fire districts. A seminar will be offered in July to explain these requirements that fire districts have to adhere to.
See attached.

- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Richard Nolan.

Unanimously voted “I” by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk